

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-509. Licensure of Student Teachers and Interns.**

3 **R277-509-[2]1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 ~~[A.](1)~~ This rule is authorized ~~[under]~~ by:

5 ~~(a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, [of the Utah Constitution]~~ which vests  
6 general ~~[authority]~~ control and supervision ~~[of]~~ over public education in the Board~~[-];~~

7 ~~(b) Section 53A-1-401, which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's~~  
8 ~~duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law;~~

9 ~~(c) Subsection[s] 53A-6-104(1), which permits~~ the Board to issue licenses for  
10 educators~~[-]; and~~

11 ~~(d) Subsection 53A-6-401(3), which directs the [Utah State Office of Education]~~  
12 ~~Board~~ to establish a procedure for obtaining and evaluating relevant information about  
13 license applicants~~[-; and Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in~~  
14 ~~accordance with its responsibilities].~~

15 ~~[B.](2)~~ The purpose of this rule is to specify the procedure under which the Board  
16 issues licenses to student teachers and interns.

17 **R277-509-[1]2. Definitions.**

18 ~~[A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.]~~

19 ~~[B.](1)~~ "Cooperating teacher" means a licensed teacher employed by an LEA who  
20 is qualified to directly supervise a student teacher or intern during the period the student  
21 teacher or intern is assigned to the LEA.

22 ~~[C.](2)(a)~~ "Intern" means a teacher education student, who, in an advanced stage  
23 of preparation, usually as a culminating experience, may be employed in a school setting  
24 for a period of up to one year and receive salary proportionate to the service rendered.

25 ~~(b)~~ An intern is supervised primarily by the school system ~~[but with]~~ while  
26 maintaining a continuing relationship with college personnel ~~[and following]~~ as part of a  
27 planned program designed to produce a demonstrably competent professional.

28 ~~[D.](3)~~ "LEA" ~~[means a local education agency, including local school boards/public~~  
29 ~~school districts, charter schools, and;]~~ includes, for purposes of this rule, the Utah Schools  
30 for the Deaf and the Blind.

31 ~~[E.](4)~~ "Student teacher" means a college student preparing to teach who is

assigned a period of guided teaching during which the student assumes increasing responsibility for directing the learning of a group or groups of students over a period of time.

### **R277-509-3. Issuing Licenses.**

~~[A.](1) The [Board] Superintendent shall [issue] recommend applicants enrolled in teacher preparation programs for [S]student [T]teacher or [I]intern licenses [to students enrolled in teacher preparation programs].~~

~~[B. The Board shall provide a process for timely review by UPPAC of background check information and shall provide adequate due process for student teachers and interns in the licensing process.~~

~~—— (1) The Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) shall receive and review background information about student teachers and interns.]~~

(2) The Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission shall review background check information and make recommendations to the Board regarding student teacher and intern license applicants in accordance with Rule R277-214.

~~[(2) Student teachers and interns shall have student teacher licenses issued by the Board prior to assignment in public schools.~~

~~—— (3) UPPAC shall review student teacher license applications and make recommendations for their approval by the Board.~~

~~—— (4) UPPAC shall not recommend student teachers or interns to complete student teaching or intern assignments while student teachers or interns are under court supervision of any kind.]~~

(3)(a) An LEA may not give a student teacher or intern an unsupervised classroom assignment prior to issuance of a license in accordance with this Rule R277-509.

(b) If an LEA assigns a student teacher or intern to a position in violation of Subsection (3)(a), the Superintendent shall not recognize the service as fulfilling the student teacher's or intern's requirements for Level 1 licensure.

(c) An LEA is responsible to verify with the Board that a student teacher or intern has appropriate licensure.

[(5)4] A [T]teacher preparation programs may allow an unlicensed student teacher[s] or intern[s not approved by UPPAC] to complete student teaching or intern hours only if the

63 university provides a constant supervisor for the student teacher's or intern's work in the  
64 public schools.

65 ~~[C.](5)(a) [A license is issued only to]~~ The Superintendent may only recommend for  
66 licensure a student teacher[s] or intern[s] assigned to elementary, middle, or secondary  
67 schools under cooperating teachers for part of their preparation program.

68 (b) A supervising administrator must be permanently assigned to the building to  
69 which an intern is assigned.

70 ~~[D.](6) A [S]student [T]teacher or [H]intern license is valid only [in the LEA specified~~  
71 ~~and]~~ for the period of time indicated on the license.

72 **~~[R277-509-4. LEA Requirements.~~**

73 ~~—— A. An LEA may not accept or assign student teachers or interns who do not possess~~  
74 ~~a Utah Student Teacher or Intern license. The service of persons so assigned is not~~  
75 ~~recognized by the Board as fulfilling an intern or student teaching requirement for licensure.~~

76 ~~—— B. It is the responsibility of the LEA to verify that potential student teachers or interns~~  
77 ~~are appropriately licensed.]~~

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81 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53A-6-104(1); 53A-1-**  
82 **401~~[(3)]~~**